

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please add the following paragraph after paragraph [0088] in the published application:

FIG. 7 is a longitudinal part-sectional view of the part of the tubing connection arrangement shown in FIG. 1;

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Please replace paragraph [0120] in the published application with the following amended paragraph:

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[0120] Furthermore, this increase in length of the overlap sleeve 40 also reduces the angle which fingers 94 defined between circumferentially adjacent slots 23a, 23b (FIG. 1) of the sleeve 40 have to bend during expansion. This is because when slotted tubing of the type used for the inner support tubing 22 is expanded, the slots of the tubing open out to form lozenge-shaped openings with straight sides and tapered ends. When the finger is relatively short, the angle between the side of the finger and the adjacent slot is relatively large following expansion. Making the overlap sleeve 40 as long as possible allows the overlap between the circumferentially adjacent slots 23a, 23b to be increased, enabling the length of the finger 94 to also be increased. Accordingly, when the connector 10 is diametrically expanded, this increase in length of the finger 94 reduces the angle defined at the roots 96, 98 of the slots 23a, 23b between the finger and the respective slot. This improves the strength and thus the integrity of the connector 10. In one embodiment, the overlap sleeve 40 comprises a separate component or components such as a sleeve, arm or fingers coupled to the respective expandable tubing section to form a hinge therebetween as illustrated in Fig. 7.